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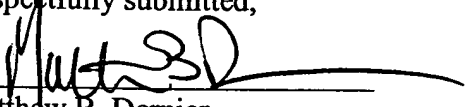
Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, enclosed please find:

1. Substitution of Attorneys Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36; and
2. Consent of Assignee 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Dated: February 6, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By 
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**SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEYS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.36**

Dear Sir:

We hereby appoint the following practitioners as our attorneys to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph P. Errico (Reg. No. 38,131); Timothy J. Bortree (Reg. No. 43,506); Jeffrey I. Kaplan (Reg. No. 34,356); Michael R. Gilman (Reg. No. 34,826); Timothy X. Gibson (Reg. No. 40,618); and Matthew B. Dernier (Reg. No. 40,989).

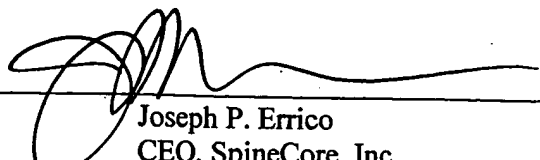
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We are the assignee of record of the entire interest and therefore have the right to take action in the above-identified application. A Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.

2/5/04

Date



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CEO, SpineCore, Inc.

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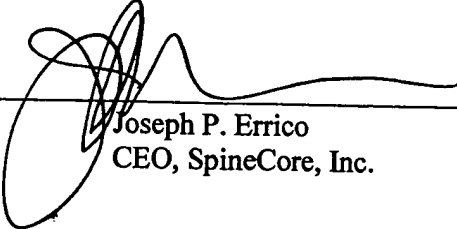
CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, I, Joseph P. Errico, being an officer of SpineCore, Inc., the Assignee of the above-identified patent application by way of assignment (reel/frame 013849/0592), hereby consent to a substitution of all previous powers of attorney and to the appointment of new attorneys in the above-identified patent application.

2/5/04

Date



Joseph P. Errico
CEO, SpineCore, Inc.

ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

Packet Number (Optional)

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Whereas, I/We, Rafail Zubok of Midland Park, NJ, hereafter referred to as applicant, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Cervical Disc Replacement

☐ for which an application for a United States Patent was filed on _____
Application Number _____ / _____

☒ for which an application for a United States Patent was executed on 3/6/2003, and

Whereas, SpineCore, Inc. of Summit, NJ herein referred to "assignee" whose mailing address is 447 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07931 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

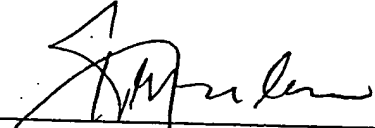
Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I/We, the applicant(s), by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Patents which may be granted therefor. I/We hereby authorize and request that said Patent be issued to said assignee, of the entire, right, title and interest in and to the same, for his sole use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of his legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 6th day of March, 20 03
at Midland Park, NJ

State of _____

County of _____

SS:


(Signature)

Before me personally appeared said _____
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this _____
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Note: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required. See below.

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

Docket Number (Optional)

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Whereas, I/We, Antonio Valdevit; of Fishkill, NY, hereafter referred to as applicant, have invented certain new and useful improvements in _____

Cervical Disc Replacement

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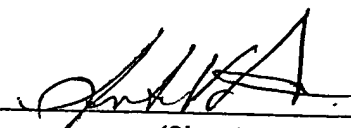
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Cervical Disc Replacement

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Whereas, I/We, Joseph P. Errico of Greenbrook, NJ, hereafter referred to as applicant, have invented certain new and useful improvements in _____

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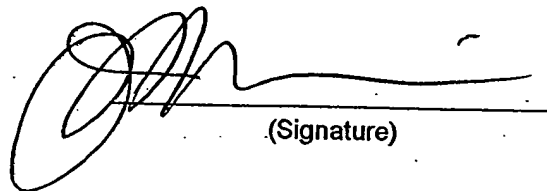
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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

☒ Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing OR ☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number F-280

First Named Inventor Zubok;

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3/6/2003

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Examiner Name

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Cervical Disc Replacement

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR : ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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Family Name or Surname Zubok;

Inventor's Signature 

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☒ Additional inventors are being named on the 1 supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.

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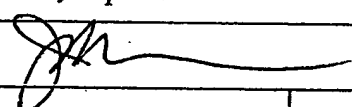
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Joseph P.		Errico	
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